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**Thanks**

.. to Treeline Trimming who trimmed our shelter belt recently at no cost to the school. Your generosity has been very much appreciated (contact details for this company can be found at the end of the newsletter).

.. to those parents who supported our triathlon and zone swimming teams this week.

.. to our 2014 sponsors for signing up for another year

.. to those parents helping out with next week's year 5 and 6 camp and especially to Christine Redwood who has been an enormous help preparing camp food.

.. to the ladies who helped with catering this week: Debbie Walker, Lisa Smith-Potter, Debbie Alexander, Nicola Hodgson, Jenny Wiegersma, Leanne Vallance & all those who supplied food.

**People of the week**

.. our triathletes and especially to Caleb, Angus and Campbell whose team achieved second place in the year 7 and 8 competition against tough competition. Well done!

**Our "little things matter" person (people) this week is (are) ...**

... Jaxon who tidied up someone else's mess in the library this week without being asked. Well done Jaxon!

**Term Events**

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar (a few are tentative).  
We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

18-21 Mar	Year 5/6 camp at Russell
19 Mar	Year 7/8 Tennis Doubles Tournament
20-21 Mar	Junior marine snorkel at Whangarei Harbour Marine Reserve
25 Mar	Kids Lit Quiz
28 March	Year 7 and 8 triathlon (Kai iwi Lakes)
28-30 Mar	Marae Noho
29 Mar	Representation at ANZAC Field of Remembrance
7-9 Apr	Trikids programme
16 Apr	2014 Youth Summit
17 April	Final day for term 1 ( 5 May - Commencement of term 2)

**Some reminders from last week**

.. please work to our traffic safety plan ... we will re-publish this periodically

.. children in afterschool labs and learning support programmes will have assigned work several times a week. Parents are asked to be vigilant in checking that tasks are completed. If unsure please direct any questions to the teacher concerned.

.. toys not encouraged at school ... if wanting to share something special the teacher is more than happy to look after this after sharing time.

.. please contact Kevin if wanting to discuss special payment arrangements for school contributions or any other school expenses.

### **Marae Noho - For Families 28th March**

A fabulous opportunity to stay at Ngararatunua Marae Friday and Saturday nights is available to all families. We plan to learn the local history and songs AND help write a song for our school, as well as many other activities. There is a small charge for food of \$20.00 per adult & \$24.00 per child for the weekend including Dinner Friday night and all meals through until Sunday mid-morning. You will need to bring your own bed linen, pillows, bedding and towels. If interested contact Sue Abbott via the office or email [sabbott@matarau.school.nz](mailto:sabbott@matarau.school.nz)

### **Year 5 and 6 Camp**

Campers are asked to be at school by 8:45 please on Tuesday morning to allow for a prompt departure. Camp parents may park on the bottom field and gear is to be dropped by the appropriate cone please for packing (cones will be labelled). If wet drop off will be to the library. Campers are expected back at school by 3:00 PM on the Friday.

### **Interschool Swimming Sports - 18.3**

If your child qualified for this event (based on their performance at the zone event), and you have not yet returned their consent, please get this to school on Monday. Parents transporting children are reminded that they are responsible for the transport (to and from), and supervision of the children in their care for the duration of the day. Parents are asked to ensure that children bring lunches, drink bottles, sunhats, sun safe clothing (sunblock) and something warm for between races.

Thanks again to those parents helping out with this event. Questions please to Mr D.

### **Matarau School Hockey**

Registration forms for Yrs 2-6 interested in playing hockey went home today. If your child is interested and did not receive a form, please contact the School Office. Please note: Yr 1 children need to look at the Northland hockey website for the funsticks programme which starts on 10th May.



### **International Schools English and Maths Competitions**

Expressions of interest in these competitions is due Friday 21 March. Parents are welcome to discuss their child's suitability for these tests with their classroom teacher. PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE A FORM AND WOULD LIKE ONE.

### **Bullying**

Last week we shared some thoughts on disagreements and suggested that disagreements could (sometimes) even be a positive thing. What about bullying? Where does bullying fit in all this? What is or is not bullying? Is bullying ever a positive thing?

The topic of bullying has had huge press in recent years. Given this, it is hardly surprising that the word bullying is sometimes misapplied to situations that might be more appropriately labelled unkindness or thoughtlessness.

So what is bullying? It is generally agreed that bullying has the following components (keeping it simple)

- .. it is usually deliberate (planned)
- .. it usually involves a power imbalance
- .. it is usually repeated (and targeted) behaviour
- .. it is nearly always harmful

If the behaviour does not meet these 4 criteria it is not technically bullying ... maybe simple unkindness (which also needs to be dealt with). Bullying can take many forms. Is it ever positive .. SELDOM! A few thoughts on that next week and an invitation to do a TV survey.

### **Finally**

This year children (and staff) will spend a little time exploring what it means to enjoy learning ... the final part of our mission statement. Well known psychiatrist and educational writer William Glasser sees enjoyment as a crucial component of effective learning. But this means more than fun in the conventional sense. Enjoying learning (and life generally when you think about it) is more about the attitude we bring to learning than about externals. Thought this was well summed up in the following statement by J.M. Barrie (the writer of Peter Pan). *More to follow on this topic including results of a wellness survey to measure enjoyment across the school. Watch this space!*

"The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one has to do." J.M. Barrie - Scottish writer 1860-1937

**Final word today from Susie Finlayson** .. hot off the press

"Why is Cinderella no good at football?" "Because her coach is a pumpkin! ... *and she ran away from the ball*" (Mrs Dorahy added this last bit)

Regards  
Kevin Trehwella  
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**Ray White Allens Kids' Triathlon** - Sun 23 Mar 2014 - If you would like to co-ordinate a Matarau School team please contact the office for details.

### **Community Notices**

For Sale - Firewood, dry shed stored totara \$90.00m<sup>2</sup> (minimum 2 metres). Ph Brad Martin 4335061 or 0274810450.

**Ruatangata Junior Hockey Club** - *Kwik Sticks (school yrs 7 & 8)* - Rally day March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am on the Real Deal Tyre Turf at Kensington Turf. Come ready to play. First practice will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at the Kensington Turf 4 to 5 pm. If you have not heard what team you are in before then you will be advised at the practice.

*Kiwisticks, Ministicks & Funsticks (school yrs 1 to 6)* - If you wish to play this year please register by contacting Bex or Debbie (details at end of newsletter) by 9<sup>th</sup> March 2014, Bex Telfer, Email:

[bexstainton@gmail.com](mailto:bexstainton@gmail.com), Ph: 4376380, Cell: 0212266155 or Debbie Attwood, Email: [funder@extra.co.nz](mailto:funder@extra.co.nz)

**Northland Golf Club - First Tee Programme** - Fun introduction to golf for children .. incorporates values like honesty, integrity, sportsmanship etc Goal is to provide a positive golfing experience. Cost \$80 for 9 weeks. Limited spaces. If interested contact Bronnie on 0274 713 225 ([bronnies@golfnorthland.co.nz](mailto:bronnies@golfnorthland.co.nz)) or pick up entry forms from our school office.

**Kamo Soccer Club** is now taking registrations for the 2014 season. You can either enrol directly through our Kamo Soccer Club website/homepage, or phone Jeremy Hay on 0275833323.

**Flatmate Wanted** - Lovely front room to rent, Hikurangi (opp Waro Rocks) \$80/wk (includes power & garage), no pets and no smoking. Phone Glenis 0220337812.

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**Turbo Touch Afterschool Competition** - Kensington Park, Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Mar - Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Apr, Yrs 3-8, \$30.00pp or \$210 per team. For further info contact Paul Hope 021951925 or email [paul@kidsinaction.co.nz](mailto:paul@kidsinaction.co.nz)



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achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Year  
7 and 8 Interschool Tag  
Triathlon event



Michelle Crawford, Natasha  
Hewson and Sarah Powell  
Yr 7 & 8 Girls team  
Interschool Tag Triathlon  
event



Year 7 & 8 Rockwall Climbing